

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Guojun DAI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1791
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Application No.: 10/562,857) Examiner: MULLICAN, Ian
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Filed: December 29, 2005) Confirmation No.: 6423
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
DRILLING PREFORMS FOR)
HOLEY OPTICAL FIBERS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

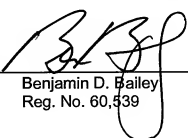
In a restriction requirement dated May 8, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 15-24) and Group II (claims 25-28). Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 15-24 drawn to a method of producing a holey optical fiber preform.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 4, 2009

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